

Chapel with faith, devotion and integrity for 33 years. Under his leadership, and with Cheryl by his side, the church has grown in membership and expanded in the community to meet the needs of every age group. Prior to joining Faith Bible Chapel, Pastor George Morrison served as a lay pastor and owned a construction company in Arvada, Colorado.

Cheryl Morrison has also inspired many throughout her work in the community and at Faith Bible Chapel. She has served as a mentor to individuals in the community, and has been very involved with Christians United for Israel including leading a group of 37 pastors from the U.S. who will be visiting Israel with Pastor George Morrison in 2017.

Together, they also serve in various leadership capacities across a variety of local organizations. They have spoken at numerous leadership conferences both in the U.S. and overseas, and Pastor George Morrison authored a book entitled, *If It's Not Broken, Break It*. In addition, Pastor George and Cheryl have both received numerous awards, citations and commendations in both the secular and Christian communities for their service.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Pastor George and Cheryl Morrison for their service and dedication to the Faith Bible Chapel congregants and our community.

HONORING A DISTINGUISHED REPORTER AND COMMENTATOR, BRUCE DEPUYT

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished reporter and commentator, Bruce DePuyt, on the occasion of his retirement from News Channel 8. For over 25 years, Mr. DePuyt has been a steadfast and trusted source of news for millions of people in Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Virginia. As most recently the producer and host of NewsTalk on WJLA News Channel 8, he has covered with true zeal, old-fashioned erudition and relentless energy not only local news but national and international news, weaving them together to create the special news ethos of the Washington area. His journalistic excellence has been recognized by local institutions such as the Washington Blade, which listed him as Best TV Personality of 2013, and the Washington City Paper, which named him Best Newsmaker of 2010. Mr. DePuyt is widely respected among his fellow print and broadcast journalists, who compete to have him as a commentator. I have had the privilege to witness firsthand, both as a guest on his show and as a loyal member of the audience, Mr. DePuyt's exemplary skill as an interviewer and piercing insight as an analyst. Although a bulldog for a straight answer, he can always be trusted to facilitate fair, enlightening and compelling conversations on the essential topics of the day.

Please join me and many residents of Maryland, as well as our friends in Virginia and D.C., as we thank Mr. DePuyt for his many years of service in educating and informing the community. He has made great journalistic contributions already, and we congratulate him

on his rich and impressive career and wish him well in all of his future endeavors as a journalist and a citizen.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, because of flight cancellations due to inclement weather, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 86 and 87. I would have voted Aye on Roll Call 86 and 87 had I been there.

A POETIC TRIBUTE TO FALLEN NAVY SEAL RYAN OWENS

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart at the passing of one of my constituents, an American hero, Navy SEAL Ryan Owens, who was killed on a mission in Yemen on January 29, 2017. Our prayers and thoughts go out to his loved ones, loving wife, and three beautiful children. Our Nation owes a great debt of gratitude to these magnificent members of our Armed Forces and their families for their selflessness. Give thanks to them each day as you hold your family close. I include in the RECORD this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

RYAN'S SONG

Ryan's Song,
so loud and long,
so very strong,
will live on and on,
On and on,
As an American Hero,
as it's oh so clear oh,
now that he's gone,
He will live on,
Now, up in heaven where he belongs,
Moments
Are all we have,
To fight the evil,
to vanquish the bad,
To make a difference,
all in the short time we have,
To bring the light,
all in our hearts of courage full shining
bright,
Upon, death's altar in this never ending
fight,
Of Good vs Evil,
there are but our Lord's chosen people who
fight the fight,
who will defend our freedoms with all their
might,
Who with their band of brothers,
as like none others,
side by side to their left,
to their right
A freedom fighter,
For there can be no brighter light,
Who for each other are so willing to die in
this fight,
With kind of selflessness which brings tears
to even the Angels' eyes,
way up high on this night,
For there can be no greater gift or treasure,
than To Give That Last Full Measure,
Then, to lay down one's life,
To leave your three beautiful children,

and your loved ones and your most loving wife,

As it's for you Ryan and your family,
we all so cry this night,
For you have blessed our Nation with all
your light,

And all across Peoria this night,
there comes a gentle rain,
As you lay your heads down to rest,
all in your heartache that which remains,
Are but our Lord's tears to wash down upon
your family Ryan,
to so ease your pain,
Until, once again up in heaven you will meet
again,

And you won't have to cry again,
Better to die for something,
than to live for nothing at all,
For this was but Ryan's clarion call,
Mount up my son,
for your new battle has just begun,
As an Angel in The Army of our Lord as you
now must run,

To continue this battle which must be won,
And we will hear you on the breeze,
And we will see you in places so all at ease,
As we will awake in the morning so all in
peace,

knowing you were watching over us all in
our sleep,

As now we lay your most sacred body down
to rest,

At Ease my son,
sealed with a kiss,
Ryan you were and will always be one of
America's Best,

Her son,
Hush little children don't you cry,
one day up in heaven you will look into your
fine Father's eyes,

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—Albert Carey Caswell

In memory of a magnificent American hero,
Navy SEAL Ryan Owens. May God watch
over his family and hold them in his arms.

RECOGNIZING BOB AND LINDA KUEBLER FOR THEIR COMMIT- MENT TO SERVICE AND VOL- UNTEERISM IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. Bob Kuebler and his wife, Mrs. Linda Thornhill Kuebler, dedicated volunteers and residents of Buffalo, New York. Their tireless service is recognized today by None Like You/We Care Outreach and the City of Buffalo.

Fifteen years ago, Bob founded Youth With a Purpose (YWAP) at the Holy Cross building on the West Side of Buffalo. The mission of YWAP is to inspire inner city youth to develop as God's leaders who overcome the mindset of segregation, poverty and violence. Bob and his team continue to teach young people how to cope with pain and develop perseverance as they seek purpose and direction in their life. Linda has helped Bob as an YWAP director and prayer leader who is loved by the community she serves.

The Kueblers live on the East Side of Buffalo where they maintain a park on the corner of Carlton Street. Through their work with None Like You/We Care and YWAP, Bob and Linda provide activities for youth, clean and

develop community gardens, help elderly residents and are active during the holiday season serving at the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and giveaways.

Bob fulfills his dream of helping as many people as he can by travelling outside of the city to pick up furniture and supplies for those in need, his constant involvement with young adult volunteers at local colleges and his time and effort in the community gardens.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Mr. and Mrs. Kuebler and their admirable dedication to the City of Buffalo and the youth of our community. The Kueblers' commitment to their community is exceptional, and they are most deserving of this recognition by None Like You/We Care and the City of Buffalo.

THE WINGMAN ACT (H.R. 244)

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the House on the passage of the WINGMAN Act.

The WINGMAN Act will allow designated Congressional staffers to work with the Department of Veterans Affairs to expedite the resolution of veterans' claims and better serve constituents.

The need for this legislation is best illustrated by example. One of my constituents, John Harrison, has been battling with the VA over multiple claims for many years. He has continuously dealt with frustration, stagnation, and complications due to poor communication from the VA.

In November 2016, Mr. Harrison was notified that one of his longstanding claims was closed. The VA claimed it closed the case because Mr. Harrison failed to submit a rebuttal to the VA's decision in an appropriate timeframe.

However, Mr. Harrison did in fact submit the rebuttal, and he did so long before the deadline. Mr. Harrison was denied access to his benefits due to disorganization and miscommunication by the VA.

Unfortunately, lack of transparency and delays in communication are regular occurrences for veterans seeking to resolve claims with the VA. Like many veterans, Mr. Harrison is a captive of the process—There is no way for him to know who is handling his claim or how his claim is being resolved.

The WINGMAN Act will help address problems like those experienced by Mr. Harrison by increasing access to essential documentation for Congressional staffers working on cases, expediting claims' resolution, and providing for better communication regarding claims decisions.

It is critical that we establish policies to process claims more efficiently and provide better care for our veterans. This bill will allow the excellent caseworkers in my office, and others across the country, to help the VA be more efficient, and more importantly, to help veterans access their benefits.

I am proud to support and cosponsor the WINGMAN Act to help ensure veterans across the United States receive timely access to the benefits they earned and deserve.

LOCALWORKS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Localworks for being honored with the Nonprofit of the Year Award by the West Chamber of Commerce.

Initially incorporated as Wheat Ridge 2020, the organization was renamed in 2015 to better reflect their purpose. Localworks connects residents and businesses in order to create a vibrant and more engaged community. Through programs like Harvest and Active, Localworks brings residents together to learn about urban farming, attend local fitness classes or learn more about canning fruits and vegetables. In 2016, Localworks held more than 60 events aimed at connecting residents through common interests and activities.

Each year, Localworks hosts seven events to attract people to the Wheat Ridge business district. In 2016, more than 19,000 people attended events on Ridge at 38 such as the Criterion and Brewfest, Ridgefest, Trunk or Treat, Friday Night Live and the Holiday Celebration.

In 2016, the organization also offered bus tours of Wheat Ridge and hauled away more than 1,000 cubic yards of junk from local neighborhoods through a partnership with the Wheat Ridge Police Department. They also provided loans to residents and businesses for property improvements and were recently awarded a very competitive three-year "Active Living Neighborhood" grant through Kaiser Permanente and The Denver Foundation. These contributions to the Wheat Ridge Community are made possible by volunteers who contributed more than 2,000 hours to the organization.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Localworks for this well-deserved honor from the West Chamber of Commerce.

RECOGNIZING DIANE PESCH-SAVATTERI FOR HER COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mrs. Diane Pesch-Savatteri, a dedicated volunteer and resident of Buffalo, New York. Diane's tireless service is recognized today by None Like You/We Care Outreach and the City of Buffalo.

Diane is a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo and is a proud mother and grandmother. She is the president of Concordia Cemetery, a board member of None Like You/We Care Outreach, and a volunteer for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Diane is a developmental Disabilities Program Specialist for the New York State-WNY Developmental Disabilities Services office where she advocates for, and teaches and trains her patients.

As president of Concordia Cemetery, Mrs. Pesch-Savatteri had led a valiant effort to transform the abandoned cemetery into a place of history, beauty and serenity. While serving on the None Like You/We Care Outreach board, she has been a tremendous help in aiding with the organization, preparation and execution of their annual Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners. She also supervises volunteers and uses her experience in social work to help those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Mrs. Diane Pesch-Savatteri and her admirable dedication to the City of Buffalo. Her commitment to the rehabilitation and beautification of the community is exceptional, and she is most deserving of this recognition by None Like You/We Care and the City of Buffalo.

DERRICK CRANDALL RECEIVING THE CORPS CHAMPION AWARD

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my constituent, Derrick Crandall, on receiving the American Recreation Coalition's Corps Champion Award. Mr. Crandall has diligently supported efforts to bolster the outdoor economy and recreation opportunities for all, including our youth.

Since 1981, Mr. Crandall has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Recreation Coalition. The Washington-based nonprofit organization aims to enhance and preserve outdoor recreational opportunities and protect environmental resources. Upon joining the organization, Mr. Crandall quickly became the national voice of outdoor recreation. He has played an important role in dozens of public policy programs including the National Scenic Byways Program, Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, Recreational Trails Program, Wallop-Breaux Program, and the National Recreation Lakes Study Commission.

Mr. Crandall's efforts have been recognized in many respects. He has received several national awards and recognitions such as induction into the RV Hall of Fame, the receipt of the Annual Award of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, and the Chevron Conservation Award. Additionally, he has served as the Chairman of the Take Pride America Advisory Board and as a Founding Director of the National Forest Foundation; in each role he was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture respectively.

His dedication to improving and preserving outdoor recreational activities is evident through his illustrious career of dedication and accomplishments. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Crandall on receiving the American Recreation Coalition's Corps Champion Award. It is a privilege to represent him and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.